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1. The induction of the class of 1933 and the discharge of the class of 1931 were carried out during the latter part of October 1953.
2. During the summer of 1953, the impression was current that the military authorities would release, on the one hand, certain draftees, who had been called up late because of deferments along with the other members of their class when the normal two year term was ended, while, on the other hand, young persons who had been deferred for various reasons might be granted the privilege of not being called at all.
3. However, those who have not completed a full two years of service are in fact not being released, and all deferrees are being searched out systematically, particularly members of the classes of 1925 and 1926, who had expected to escape service entirely. For example, a thirty-year-old hunchback is known to have received orders to report again to his draft board.
4. It appears that, in addition, a rechecking or, at least, a review of certain assignments in case of mobilization is to be made. Persons up to 50 or 55 years of age have been called before the military commissions of the National Committees for a review of their military status and mobilization assignments.
5. The procedures described above created a sensation among the Czechoslovak population, and it was rumored that these measures were being taken in preparation for mobilization.¹

Comment: It is believed that this rumor arose out of the hope of part of the population for the "war of liberation", and that this interpretation of events was not justified by the facts.

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